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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination on the merits of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as shown below.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 with the following:

This application is a continuation of prior application serial number 10/452,846, filed June 2, 2003, which in turn is a continuation of prior application serial number 10/267,005, filed October 8, 2002, which in turn is a continuation of prior application serial number 10/062,300, filed January 31, 2002, which in turn is a continuation of prior application serial number 09/019,670, filed February 6, 1998, which in turn is a continuation-in-part of prior application serial number 08/795,755, filed February 6, 1997, entitled STETHOSCOPE